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An American Christmas In France

None can read without a thrill and a surge of patriotic fervor that account of the American Christmas in France told in today's despatches. And the most striking feature is that fact that "les Sammiks," as the friendly French people call the American soldiers, turned their own festival into an occasion to make happy the children of the race for whose deliverance they are fighting.

The Christmas of the American soldiery is symbolic of America's whole war aim and policy. The United States entered the war without the slightest thought of territorial expansion or of reaping huge indemnities. We entered to stand on the side of humanity against inhumanity; of law against lawlessness; of right against might. We entered to help bring back light and happiness to darkened France, Belgium, Serbia, Rumania. We entered, also, in our own defense, as part of the general aim of defending democracy against autocracy.

So, on the day when throughout America there were joyous and wholesome and innocent festivals, as our soldiers paused in their grim business of war they brought an American Christmas into the lives and hearts of thousands of saddened, bereaved, victimized French children and families. The stalwart men in uniform shared their gifts and their happiness with the less fortunate people around them. In like manner the United States is sharing its prosperity and strength with its Allies who have for three years borne the burden of warfare against German ruthlessness.

A Community Success

The sincere appreciation of all Honolulu and many visitors is extended to those who conceived and carried out the Community Christmas tree on Monday night. The lighting effects, tableaux, solos and choruses were finely blended into a program of great beauty and harmony of effect, striking in its pictorial quality, impressive in its religious atmosphere, and entirely appropriate to the Christmas season.

Such a spectacle and such a program will have permanent impress upon thousands of alien minds, not yet turned to American moral and ethical ideals. It adds a new note to the familiar revelry of Christmas Eve in Honolulu. The Outdoor Circle and those who so unselfishly assisted it deserve great credit for the success which was achieved.

This program pioneered the way for others; we hope, to come each year, until the carols and tableaux are quite as typical of a Christmas Eve in Honolulu as the showering of confetti and other merriment features. In pioneering the way, lessons are always learned. One which was apparent on Monday night was that the crowd should be seated. The thousands standing soon grew restless, particularly those on the outskirts, and the tendency was for much shifting, hundreds constantly going and coming; many soon became tired and went downtown; and a good deal of unnecessary noise resulted. With a program so beautiful in detail and with which such care had been taken, it would be well worth while to make a special point of seeing that the audience was seated, so that the full benefit of the fine program could be given by the participants and received by the audience.

Before Christmas Eve one occasionally heard an expression of doubt as to whether several hundred dollars should be spent for such a purpose as tree-lighting and tableaux. The doubt has been fully answered. The community idea thus emphasized is worth to Honolulu at this time a great deal more.

ON THE RIGHT SIDE.

Col. Roosevelt has come out strongly for absolute prohibition during the war. He is thus adding his name to the long list of influential factors which will probably win success if the war should run into 1919 and 1920. It is not necessary to touch on the subject of England's use of foodstuffs for alcoholic liquors to know that the United States would be much better off in war-time with absolute prohibition than with even the beer-and-light-wine proposition. Ours is not a nation of habitual light wine users. Prohibition works splendidly in states which give it a fair trial, and works almost immediately, as witness Washington and Oregon. The Colonel is on the right side, the logical side, and in a short time it will be the side upon which is ranged the overwhelming sentiment in the United States.

AN ABLE MAN PASSES ON.

In the death of Senator Francis G. Newlands of Nevada, the nation loses an able man and Hawaii a good friend. This Nevada was above the usual congressional stature. Since the time he introduced the resolution under which Hawaii was annexed his public activities have been followed here with special attention. That his loss is seriously felt in Washington is evidenced by today's despatch that the railway inquiry must be postponed until someone else can be found, someone with his grasp of the facts.

QUESTIONS.

Is the city attorney's office interested at all in seeing that justice is done the young woman alleged to have had a criminal operation performed upon her, made necessary by some man as yet unnamed? Ordinarily, would not such cases be handled by the city attorney's office?

Keep Level, Friends

It is well for Americans to keep eternally vigilant for insidious enemies in our midst, but it is not well to pass about indiscriminately unconfirmed gossip; it is not well to make serious accusations unless you are sure of your grounds; and it is not well to lose time fighting about unessentials when there are so many essentials which need attention.

The Denman-Gothals controversy on the Emergency Fleet Corporation probably cost the country ten million dollars. Its indirect cost was much greater. The building of our war fleet was set back four months, credible witnesses have said; and an atmosphere of friction was created in the American national administration which is not yet cleared away.

There are some quarrels not worth making, even if both sides feel themselves right. One great essential in our national life and our community life now is unity. Germany must have rejoiced at the Denman-Gothals row. Germany will rejoice any time it appears that loyal Americans, under a mistaken sense of duty, are fighting with each other when they ought to be standing side by side accounting for Germans.

We've got to go through a lot of this war, and we've got to keep level in our community relationships. Give the other fellow—provided you're sure he is a loyal American or a loyal Ally—credit for possessing patriotism also. See if you can't work out your little misunderstandings and frictions together, instead of flying off the handle and calling each other names.

Pull together—give your community team-mate credit for wanting to pull also—and remember that when you don't pull together, you are losing time and energy that ought to be centered against the enemies we really want to hit.

IN HOBOKEN

Here is what happened in Hoboken:

NEW YORK, N. Y., Nov. 19.—Drastic action, believed to have resulted from the proclamation issued by President Wilson today, was taken by federal authorities in Hoboken tonight. Five hundred United States soldiers invaded the entire river front and searched every saloon, boarding house and restaurant. They rounded up 250 persons, who either were Germans or appeared to be Germans. Like a herd the men were marched down to the river front where they were placed on a barge and taken to Ellis Island for internment.

It could happen elsewhere with considerable success.

The action of the College of Hawaii regents puts further action in the Fraulin Heuer case squarely up to President Dean. That is the proper angle from which to approach the dropping of this member of the faculty, whose retention is made impossible by the sentiments she cherishes, however, sincere and deep-seated these are. Action in a faculty executive matter through the administration of the college rather than through the regents is the proper course.

Federal secret service men have done a good piece of work in nabbing the German secret agent on the Pacific coast who was working to destroy docks, warehouses and shipping. The fact that his activities have been traced to Ram Chandra and von Bernstorff doesn't make them any more agreeable.

The Y. M. C. A. "huts" in the American camps in France are as popular as they are in the great mainland cantonments. The Y. M. C. A. is doing a splendid work among our soldiers and doing it in a manner that has won it enduring support and reputation throughout the service.

Keep your head cool in this crisis, but don't let the low temperature extend to your feet. As one Honolulu aptly put it this morning, the time has come for every American to show whether he is a man or a mouse—and make his status unmistakable before the public.

Sheriff Rose's request for more money to run his department would receive more attention if his department were better run on the money he is already given.

Now that it has apologized for telling the truth, the German newspaper Vorwaerts is to be allowed to continue, on the assurance it won't make the same mistake again.

The German paper Vorwaerts was suspended because it spoke frankly of the food situation. What if it should have spoken frankly of the Kaiser?

In Russia the peace delegates are called "commissaries," probably because they are chiefly on the hunt for food.

Though the Allies must be rather tired of revolutions it is likely the trouble in Bulgaria will not make them angry.

Wonder if the poor old czar expects any of the new Russian governments to ask him for his executive services?

If there were a firm of "Wilhelm und Gott" it's a certainty Wilhelm wouldn't be the silent partner.

"Obey the law—keep your mouth shut" ought to be sufficient notice for any alien enemy.

You may not be in position to lick a Hun, but you can lick a war-savvy stamp.

KAISER'S HERALDED PEACE ADDRESS IS NEW CLAIM TO PARTNERSHIP WITH ALMIGHTY

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands, Dec. 26.—Kaiser Wilhelm's heralded peace announcement came to the world on Christmas Eve in the form of an address to his soldiers near Verdun, an address in which he declares that soldiers must now bring peace "by battering in the doors of those who will not have peace."

The address was made to the second army and featured by the Kaiser's claim that the Creator is the direct and avowed ally of the German people.

The Kaiser visited the Verdun front on Friday, according to Berlin reports, addressing the troops there and inspecting their disposition.

Verdun Not in Vain
"But for the calm and heroic warriors on this western front the enormous deployment of German armies on the east front and against Italy would have been impossible," he said. "The fighter on this western line has most heroically exposed his body to the blows of the enemy so that his brother on the Italian front and on the Dvina might be able to storm forward from victory to victory. The fearful battles that you have fought on these bloody hills of Verdun have not been fought in vain, for the work you have so heroically performed has created new foundations for the conduct of the war."

"Gott" a Partner Again
"We have been fully made aware of the events of the German western army, we throughout the Fatherland, and you are fully aware of the powerful blows that have been delivered by your brothers and comrades in the east, which have been able to bring about a greater decision. On that eastern line and on the Italian front there is not a man, not an officer, not a general, wherever spoken to, who does not frankly admit that the armies on the east have been able to accomplish what they have only because their comrades on the west have stood up

to a man against the powerful enemy before them."

"You have accomplished the most gigantic feat ever accomplished by Germans. It is one without a parallel in all the history of what has been accomplished by the German army. I do not boast when I say that. It is a fact I state, and nothing else."

"The admiration you have earned shall be your reward, and at the same time your pride, although there is nothing to be surprised at in what you have accomplished. You fought for the Fatherland."

An Avowed Ally Above
"The year 1917, with its great battles, has proved that the German nation has in the Lord of Creation above an unconditional and an avowed ally, on whom we may confidently rely. Without his aid all that we have done would have been in vain, because I know that each man of you accomplished superhuman deeds and fought with divine aid."

"The feeling may have been frequently with you, 'if only we had something behind us; if only we had some relief.' But that something appeared; that relief came. It came as a direct result of the blows struck in the east, where it seems that the storms of war are for the present silenced. God grant that they have been silenced forever! We do not know, however, what is still in store for us, even there."

Iron Fist and Shining Sword
"But you have seen how, during this last of the four years of the war, where God's hand has visibly prevailed, where God has punished treachery and rewarded heroic perseverance. You have seen this and you may look forward with renewed confidence to the future, whatever it may unfold. 'If our enemies do not want peace, then we must bring peace to the world by battering in with the iron fist and the shining sword the doors of those who will not have peace.'"

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—CHAS. T. WILDER: The tax office has recently secured a new riveting machine with which we shall place license tags on number plates of automobiles. We hope to break people of the habit of leaving their tags some where else than on their machines.

—KIRK B. PORTER: I have never seen the weather clearer than during the recent calm spell. From Diamond Head road it was possible to see Haleakala on Maui, a thing not usually possible.

—I. H. BEADLE, secretary of the Trent Trust Co.: I never have a time to write letters to the papers but if I had I would write about the old town clock. I mean the one on the Judiciary building. And I'd write to the effect that I would be willing to subscribe a little something towards putting it in shape so that it will keep proper time. Every second day that clock is out of order and I think that it either ought to be taken down or else fixed. Lots of folks coming down to work in the morning have the lights scared out of them when they notice that clock pointing to 10 o'clock instead of 8 o'clock. It's a shame that it isn't fixed.

SAFETY FIRST

While this country is at war, boys, Be careful what you say. For you can't tell who you speak to in your travels every day.

There are all kinds of confidential people— You have seen them every day— So beware of the supposed friends in Honolulu, As they may only use you for their prey.

They may get you full of liquor And show you a good time, But it may be the Kaiser's money they are using To get information at this time.

So if you happen to be stationed Where information you can get Pretend that you are speechless And that you won't regret.

If you are working in an office Where movement of ships can be seen Just let on you were sightless And avoid the Hun submarine.

It has been proven in the courts of Frisco There was dirty work done here By some high officials of Honolulu By assistance of the wireless on the Geier.

—J. A. FLYNN, Schofield Barracks, H. T.

Mrs. Talksmith—I hear Miss Hurry-on and young Blushington are engaged. She must have met him half way.

LETTERS

THANKS FROM THE CHILDREN

Honolulu, T. H., Dec. 22, 1917.

Sir: Allow me to thank you and your friends for the kind gifts that have been sent to the children of the Gospel Mission Home and for the magazines and scrap books and other little trinkets that have been received. They are all much appreciated, I can assure you.

We have received a large number of magazines of all kinds, testifying to the kindness and generosity of the citizens of Honolulu and I believe we have all we can use for the present and perhaps some other institution would be glad to have some of them. We do not want to take them all. Will you kindly extend our thanks and appreciation to all the kind friends who have contributed so generously, through your good paper.

The children do appreciate the many kindnesses that have been shown them and it is needless for us to endeavor to express our appreciation for we feel and know that a work of this kind needs the popular support of the community. We have been able to handle over 200 cases this year and we have this date taken in seven emergency cases and are constantly meeting these emergencies.

Yours very sincerely,
W. E. PIETSCHE,
Supt. Gospel Mission Home.

HAS A NEW CLOCK

Palmer P. Woods, secretary to Mayor Joseph J. Ferra, has a new pendulum clock in his office. It's not one of those modern clocks that rattle along as if it were saying, "Get there! Get there! Get there!" but one of those that move with measured beat and slow.

In the waiting room many men sit each day for hours hoping for an opportunity to see the mayor, and it must be admitted that the clock which Palmer P. Woods has put up in his office is appropriate to the atmosphere. To the waiting, impatient multitude who would see the mayor on many subjects the pendulum clock booms out its maxim of: "Take your time. Take your time. Take your time."

REMEMBER TRAFFIC OFFICER

Millie F. Rawlins of the Henry Waterhouse Trust Company played the part of Santa Claus for the business offices which lie near the corner of Merchant and Fort streets and presented Peter Hose, the tall and handsome traffic policeman stationed at this point, with a purse of \$50. Castle & Cooke and McInerney also gave the tall policeman gifts.



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ATTORNEYS DOUBT SECOND JUDGE ASHFORD'S SON PASSES AERO EXAMS.

"Absurd!" declare local attorneys in commenting on reports that the document alleging to be a will executed by the late Queen Liliuokalani, and declared by Circuit Judge Ashford to be a fraud, will, at some future date, be filed in circuit court again for probate.

Attorneys are of the opinion that the document, having once been thrown out, would not be considered by the court for a moment should an attempt be made to have it probated. They base these opinions on the fact that "Rev." Sam Kamakala and J. M. Kealoha, the "witnesses," have testified under oath that they did not sign the document in the queen's presence, but in the presence and at the request of "Princess" Theresa Belliveau.

PERSONALITIES

COL. HOWARD HATHAWAY, new collector of internal revenue, has ordered a change in the counter arrangements at the office in order to give more space for handling war revenue work. It is expected that the income tax law will require much more room than at present.

H. M. BLOWERS and Robert Stone of Mills school have gone to Kauai for their Christmas vacation.

Further advices from Stanley Hea lani Ashford, son of Circuit Judge Clarence W. Ashford, now in Saskatchewan, Canada, are that he has passed his examinations for admission to the Royal Flying Corps and is about to start for Toronto, from where he expects to be sent to Texas for preliminary training. His wife will accompany him to Toronto to enter the hospital service. Ashford has been accepted to artillery, but was later shifted to aviation.

EX-GUARDSMAN EXONERATED

Nicholas Nobal, a former member of Company B, 1st Hawaiian Infantry, was turned loose by the registration board Monday after an investigation which convinced the officials that he had a registration card. Nobal was picked up Friday night when he came to the army seeking pay for service in the guard. It was supposed he had left the territory. As he could not show a registration card he was placed in jail until proper investigation could be made.

Mayor Curley of Boston was presented with a bear cub, mascot of the MacLean Klitties. The bear will not be allowed to enter France.

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